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Subject: Porch Lights

Per our conversation, here is the East Front Neighborhood approach to porch lights.

Recognizing the importance of porch and yard lights as a crime deterrent, East Front has given this a high priority. The value of a well-lit neighborhood in terms of safety and security is stressed in our neighborhood newsletter. To those who say they cannot afford to burn porch lights, our neighbors say the few cents/day of one bulb burning during the night time hours is an extremely inexpensive security system.

In addition, porch light contests are held several times each year. This involves the Executive Committee picking a night and time, unannounced, and then counting the lights burning on each street. Houses lit as a percentage of homes on the street are then determined. The results are published in our neighborhood newsletter and awards given at the next meeting to the several streets having the highest percentage. Awards typically are certificates, light bulbs and the few cents necessary for one night's lighting.

The whole process is painless, fun, inexpensive and seems to be producing positive results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Fox".

Tom Fox for
East Front Neighborhood Association